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Coverage of the 4000 Labor Service Company

REFS: A. HONA-695, 29 Dec 54 F. HONA-9942, para 1(a), 18 Feb 54
B. FRAN-0375 G. FRAN-3975, para 1
C. HQCA-44655, 12 Jul 54 H. MUNI-6379
D. HONA-11686, para 4, 29 Jun 54 I. MUNI-8206
E. FRAN-8273, para 1

1. References B through H set forth consistently and over a long period of time KUBARK policy vis-a-vis Labor Service Companies in Germany; namely, that these Labor Service Companies fall under the complete jurisdiction of COMBEX and that KUBARK will not deal with them in any way except under exceptional circumstances, as directed or approved by the Chief of Mission. We would like to point out that these decisions were made on a high level and that it is not within the competence of the MOB/EE representative to alter them.
2. Regarding paragraph 1(b) of reference A, the personnel of the 4000 LSC are not undergoing parachute training. They function as a guard company which maintains physical security at a Quartermaster depot located on the outskirts of Munich.
3. The 4000 LSC now has approximately 199 members. A complete mail coverage is therefore totally out of the question in view of personnel limitations in CIS. We will endeavor, however, subject to approval of the Chief of Mission, to obtain a spot mail coverage of certain LSC members' mail addressed to Italy. MOB does not feel that this needle-in-the-haystack approach is worthwhile unless Headquarters can provide some sort of a list of LSC members who might possibly be suspected of corresponding with the Albanian Legation in Rome. We cannot promise that this coverage, which would be obtained through CIS (the majority of whose employees are German nationals), would include actual photographing of correspondence. We would attempt this, however. Incidentally, we doubt that this correspondence is carried on in German; and, being unable to process correspondence in the Albanian language, we would forward it to Headquarters. Since we have already told USAREUR that we have no interest in the LSC's, we doubt that a request to USAREUR for assistance in such a project would be met with enthusiasm.

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4. If we obtain any CE or other leads on Albanian activities in this area from sources outside the HOSB LSC complex, we will forward them immediately. This was done in the case of Mark THADINI per reference 1, Headquarters answer to which stated that this lead was being followed up through other channels. We would be interested in receiving any information Headquarters may hold on Albanian I.S. activities in Germany.
5. ☐ Comment: The "Albanian I.S." is considered by HOSB to be such a marginal target that we shall not expend any effort on it unless a specific case of obvious interest to HOSB comes to our attention from sources already available to the Base.

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